



Listening to President Roosevelt

Have students listen or watch speeches by President Roosevelt about the Great Depression and its effects on the nation. After watching or listening to speeches, have a classroom discussion about the content of speeches and Roosevelt's delivery and style. Then have the students select FSA photographs that could be used to go along with the speech, demonstrating the conditions that Roosevelt depicted. A good speech to start off with might be his Inaugural speech of March 4, 1933. A great place to find audio and video resources for Roosevelt's speeches is the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and Pare Lorentz Film Center at the Library and Museum at <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/>.